

**PART TEN
RESERVE COMPONENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN (RCSBP)**

**CHAPTER 1
APPLICATION OF PLAN**

100101. Purpose

The RCSBP extends eligibility to the survivor benefit program to Reserve and National Guard members who would be eligible to receive retired pay at age 60. The Plan allows members to leave a portion of their retired pay to survivors.

100102. Specialized Terms

a. Base Amount. The amount of monthly retired pay to which member would be entitled:

(1) On date of death, if member died before age 60 and elected the immediate annuity option, or died after age 60 with an immediate or a deferred annuity option; or

(2) Upon age 60, if member died before age 60 and elected the deferred annuity option; or

(3) Any lesser amount of pay designated by the member before the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date the member receives the 20-year notification of eligibility for retired pay under Title 10, U.S.C., Chapter 67, with the concurrence of the spouse of the member, if required, but not less than \$300. If full retired pay is less than \$300, full retired pay must be designated by the member.

b. Date of Receipt of Election for RCSBP. The date of the receipt of the election by the member's records custodian, or the date of postmark on the envelope in which the election was received by the records custodian when the member's election intent may be prejudiced.

c. Date of Retirement. The first day the member is entitled to draw pay or the first day the member would have received pay if alive at age 60.

d. Eligible for Retired Pay. The date the member receives notice of eligibility for retired pay at age 60.

e. Entitled Member. A person who is age 60 and is entitled to receive retired pay.

f. Member. Current and former Reserve forces and National Guard personnel who have completed 20 years of qualifying federal service.

g. RCSBP or Plan. The Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan.

h. Reserve Components

(1) Army National Guard of the United States.

(2) Army Reserve.

(3) Naval Reserve.

(4) Marine Corps Reserve.

(5) Air National Guard of the United States.

(6) Air Force Reserve.

(7) Coast Guard Reserve.

(8) Army National Guard.

(9) Air National Guard.

(10) Navy Militia.

i. Retirement-Eligible Member or Eligible Member. A member who becomes eligible for retired pay under Chapter 67, Title 10 U.S.C., upon completion of 20 years of satisfactory service.

j. SBP. The Survivor Benefit Plan for members of the uniformed services.

NOTE: SBP, in part nine of the DoDFMR, and RCSBP share many of the same terms. Terms which are not specifically defined in this paragraph are defined in part nine, paragraph 90102.

***k. Supplemental Survivor Benefit Plan (SSBP).** A supplemental annuity provided to a spouse or former spouse by virtue of eligibility under Title 10, U.S.C., section 1458. SSBP for reserve-component SBP participants is sometimes referred to as RC-SSBP.

100103. Eligible Participants

The following members are eligible to participate in the Plan with coverage for spouse, spouse and child, child or natural person with an insurable interest. Members who become eligible to participate in the Plan 8 Sep 1982, or later may elect former spouse coverage. Members who become eligible to participate 1 Mar 1986, or later may elect former spouse and child coverage.

a. Any Reserve component member otherwise eligible for retired pay under Title 10, U.S.C., Chapter 67, but under age 60 before 1 Oct 1978, who elected coverage before 31 Mar 1980.

b. Any Reserve component member otherwise eligible for retired pay under Title 10, U.S.C., Chapter 67, but under age 60, 1 Oct 1978 to 1 Jan 1980, who elected coverage before 31 Mar 1980.

c. Any Reserve member who receives notification of eligibility 1 Jan 1980, or later, who

elects coverage before the end of the 90-day period which begins on the date of receipt of such notification. A member who does not participate before the end of the 90-day period remains eligible to participate in SBP at age 60.

d. A member in receipt of retired pay on 13 Aug 1981, may participate in the open enrollment period 1 Oct 1981 through 30 Sep 1982, with certain restrictions. See paragraphs 90209 and 100205.

e. Any Reserve member who on 13 Aug 1981, would have been entitled to retired pay under Title 10, U.S.C., Chapter 67, but for the fact that member was under age 60 on 13 Aug 1981, may participate in the open-enrollment period 1 Oct 1982 through 30 Sep 1983. See paragraph 100205.